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16. (Amended) The mixing faucet as described in Claim 9, wherein a first handle slide operates [the] a first valve spindle for controlling the cold water flow, and a second handle slide operates [the] a second valve spindle for controlling the hot water flow, and wherein each handle slide may be operated independently of the other handle slide.

REMARKS

The Applicant's attorney would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended during the telephone interview of July 14, 2006.

The Examiner has rejected claims 9-16 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicant agrees with the Examiner, and has accordingly amended claim 9 to recite (a) valve spindles contained within the faucet body, and (b) projecting arm attached to each valve spindle. Claims 14 and 16 were also amended as related to the valve spindle. These changes are directly supported by both the Specification and the drawings. Claims 10-16 depend from claim 9 and are now also in condition for allowance.

A three-month Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is being submitted with this Response. Please charge any additional fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 13-1981.

Respectfully submitted,



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